Integration of Central Schemes will and enhance the productivity of the support programmes and accord greater flexibility to State Governments to develop and pursue activities on the basis of regional developmental priorities.

Some of the Schemes under Macro Managements Schemes are:

(i) National Watershed Development Programme for rainfed Area (NWDPRA); (ii) Soil Conservation in the catchment of River valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers; (iii) Reclamation of alkali soil for the development of degraded lands; (iv) Improving soil health—campaign for application of green manure/vermi compost/ micro-nutrient; (v) Integrated Nutrient Management and popularization of bio-fertilizers; (vi) Integrated Pest Management; (vii) Popularization of drip irrigation/plastics for improving water use efficiency etc. These schemes which are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh and other Southern States, as well as rest of the country, aim at achieving ecologically sustainable development of farming systems for increasing food production.

Study of starvation in the Country

623. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government sent any team for an on-the-spot study of situation leading to over twenty starvation deaths in Kashipur in Orissa and to study of situation in other prime starvation areas of Orissa and elsewhere;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the total foodgrain stocks rotting in different Government warehouses and stores, as on September 1, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No team was sent by the Ministry of Agriculture in this regard.

(c) As per information furnished by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, the total stock of foodgrains with the Food

Corporation of India and the State agencies stood at 582.80 lakh MTs as on 1.10.2001.

ICDP in Gujarat

624. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) has been implemented in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Central allocation made and State Government's share in the scheme during each of the last two years;

(d) the achievement made in the State during the said period;

(e) whether this scheme is being extended to non-traditional but potential States also; and

(f) if so, the names of States and the progress made there in implementing the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini-Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton is being implemented in the 13 Cotton growing States including Gujarat. The funding pattern of the scheme is mostly 75:25 sharing basis between Government of India and States. The main objective of the scheme is to increase production and productivity of cotton. Assistance is being provided for transfer of technology through demonstration on production technology, Integrated Pest Management and training of farmers/extension workers. Besides, concessional inputs are also supplied to the farmers such as seed, sprayers, Bio-agent, pheromone traps and water saving devices like sprinkler sets and drip irrigation system.